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Sri S. NAGARAJA MONIGAR : பிரும்மாண்டமாக முன்னேறிவரும் ரஷியாவிலே ஒரு தக்காளிப்பழம் 4 ரூபாய் என்று பத்திரிகையில் வந்ததை சர்க்கார கவனித்திருக்கிறார்களா ?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : ரஷியாவிலே உள்ள விலையையும் நம்முடைய நாட்டில் உள்ள விலையையும் ஒப்பிட்டுப் பார்ப்பது சரியல்ல. அதை வைத்துக்கொண்டு இங்கே கணக்குப் போடுவது சரி இல்லை.

Fair price shops for rice (Tiruchirappalli)

* 978 *Q.*—Sri K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR (on behalf of Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Fair Price Shops opened in Tiruchirappalli District; and

(*b*) the total quantity of rice issued through these shops, month by month up to December 1960 ?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) 26 Fair Price Shops have been opened in Tiruchi district.

(*b*) The total quantity of rice issued through these shops is as follows :—

For November 1960—66 tons.

For December 1960—102 tons and 5 maunds.

Rice (exports and imports)

* 979 *Q.*—Sri K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR (on behalf of Sri T. SAMPATH) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether rice exports from and imports into our State have been affected on account of short supply of railway wagons; and

(*b*) if so, what arrangement has been made to meet the situation?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : There have been no complaints about short supply of Railway wagons for export of rice from this State. As regards the import of rice, in June 1960, some representations were received from Tadepalligudem, Gudiwada and Vijayawada regarding the short supply of Railway wagons for transport of rice from Andhra Pradesh into our State. The matter was taken up with the Railways who reported that every endeavour was being made to meet the demands. A subsequent representation, dated 12th February 1961 from the Nagapattinam Chamber of Commerce pointing out certain difficulties in the supply of wagons is being looked into.

Sri K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : May I know the quantity exported from and imported into this State?

The Hon Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The total quantity in terms of rice exported from this State by rail is 211,043.9 tons in 1960.